(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) According to available information, a number of training camps have been established in Pak Occupied Kashmir (POK) as also in Pakistan to train the terrorists operating in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) and (c) India has taken up this matter with the Government of Pakistan. India has also apprised the international community about the existence of these training camps as well as about the support and sponsorship given by Pakistan to the terrorism directed against India. The international opinion against terrorism is growing by the day and there is a widespread recognition of the need to eradicate terrorism, wherever it exists.

Comparative study of POTO with similar Laws existing in States

1728. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have got POTO like laws with same nature and character and have not received any complaint of misuse of the same so far since their inception;

(b) whether Government have done any comparative study of the POTO with similar Laws existing in some States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The State Governments of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh have enacted Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999 and Andhra Pradesh Control of Organised Crime Act, 2001 respectively. The State Government of Karnataka is in the process of enacting similar legislation to combat organised crime. Some of the provisions of these laws are based on similar provisions in the erstwhile Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act. Since law and order is a State subject, the Central Government does not maintain information on complaints of misuse of laws enacted by the State Governments.

(d) While Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 is specifically aimed at combating terrorist activities, the laws referred to above deal essentially with control of organised crime. There are also differences in key provisions relating to bail, presumption of guilt, admissibility of confessions made by a person

before a police officer, powers of court to take cognizance of an offence etc. and specific safeguards have been incorporated under POTO in several instances to contain the misuse of its provisions. Provisions relating to interception of communication in certain cases under the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 are similar to those obtaining in the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999.

Ration money/allowance provided to Delhi Police Personnels

1729. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police provides ration money/allowance to its personnels;

(b) if so, since when and at what rates to each rank, separately;

(c) whether payment of ration money/allowance has been made;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to expedite the payment and by when it is likely to be made to retired Delhi Police personnels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Non-Gazetted Police Personnel of Delhi Police have been made entitled to Ration Money Allowance *with effect from* 1st April, 1998. The rate at which this allowance is being paid is based on the formula applicable to the non- gazetted personnel of the Central Para-Military Forces.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is no proposal to pay Ration Money Allowance to the police personnel after their retirement.

Action taken to tackle terrorism in the country

1730. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after October 1, terrorist attack on Jammu and Kashmir Assembly and inspite of PM's letter, USA did not issue any formal statement indicating that the Kashmir terrorist would also be targeted; and

(b) if so, the action taken to tackle terrorism by India on its own?